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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of a National Application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No.6,426,253 corresponds to document WO 01 91180 A, and U.S. Publication No. 2002110976 A1 corresponds to document FR 2 819 633 A, both cited in the French Search Report.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
		6,426,253	B1	Tews et al.	07/30/02
		2002/110976	A1	Coronel et al.	08/15/02
		6,309,975	B1	Wu et al.	10/30/01

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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#### OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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